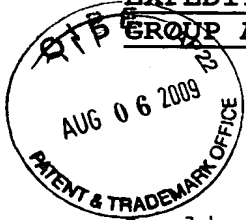


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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
FEBRUARY 3, 2009 FINAL OFFICE ACTION
AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AS SUBMISSIONS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114(C)
TO THE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
AND PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Communication is a submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c) to the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and responds to the rejections made in the February 3, 2009 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 3, 2009 Final Office Action was due May 3, 2009. Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time. The fee for a three-month extension of time is FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$555.00) for a small entity and a check including this amount is enclosed. With a three-month extension of time a response is now due August 3, 2009. Accordingly, the RCE, this

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Communication and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement as submissions to accompany the RCE are being timely filed.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

A **Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement** begins on page 10 of this paper.